

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Murillo (USP 5,832,941). Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a light source part “having plural types of light-emitting elements in said case body in order to vary a hue of light directed toward skin of a user of the portable case.” Support for this amendment can be found on page 1, lines 4-8, of this application. The portable case of claim 1 thus emits light of various hues. This can be useful, for example, when the user wants to check makeup under certain lighting conditions as stated on page 2, lines 8-12, of the specification. Murillo discloses a portable compact make-up kit with a lighted mirror (13) that merely provides extra light when the makeup is applied in dark places (Murillo, column 1, lines 4-19). Murillo fails to disclose or suggest that its portable case is capable of producing light of various hues as claimed. Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated by Murillo, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

In addition, Murillo discloses conventional small incandescent light bulbs, fluorescent straight light sticks, halogen bulbs, etc., as its light source (Murillo, column 2, lines 53-58), not “plural types of light-emitting elements” as claimed. Accordingly, Murillo fails to disclose or suggest a portable case that has “plural types of light-emitting elements in said case body” and is capable of varying “a hue of light directed toward skin of a user of the portable case” as claimed. Accordingly, this provides an additional reason for withdrawing this rejection.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in condition for allowance. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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